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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Data Management Division

SUBJECT: NPIC Minicard Staff Study

1. Reference is made to the staff study on the above subject.
2. I would like to have some additional information about certain items in the study.
 - a. With respect to the problem of storing data concerning indexing of PI reports, what unique feature does the minicard system have that is not equally or better accomplished on the 1401? I am speaking here strictly from a reference point of view and from a point of view of recall of a document.
 - b. With respect to the utilization of minicard to print a document once the title has been ascertained, I have the following questions:
 - (1) How many documents do you anticipate will be eventually accommodated by minicard?
 - (2) How many pages will these documents contain?
 - (3) What is the size of the file area required to accommodate this number of documents if filing manually?
 - (4) Is there really a problem in manual retrieval from a filing system of documents from a collection of this size?
 - c. With respect to preparing indexes or other reports of photo coverage what is unique about the minicard capability? What are the alternatives to minicard in terms of preparing a visual index?

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d. With respect to storage and retrieval of photography:

(1) What is the loss of resolution on current KH when made into minicard and reproduced therefrom?

(2) Are you really suggesting that minicard be used to reproduce photography from which a PI will extract information?

(3) If the answer to (2) above is affirmative, what are the potential resolution limitations?


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